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1. Between 10 and 22 May 1954, air activity was conducted only on 17, 18, and 22 May. On the first two days, local flights were made by a Po-2 and, at 11:45 a.m. on 22 May, 3 twin-jet aircraft approached and landed at the field. The aircraft were high-wing monoplanes with wings with straight leading and trailing edges but tapering to the wing tips and fitted at a right angle on the fuselage; they had a swept-back elevator assembly and a tail which projected aft of the tail unit. 25X1

2. The following in-coming supply shipments were observed at Werneuchen airfield between 10 and 24 May: 25X1

12 May. 2 boxcars loaded with 20 tons of military goods from Toepchin, dispatched by and consigned to the Soviet Army; 25X1
 13 May. 2 boxcars loaded with 30 tons of military goods from Finsterwalde, dispatched by and consigned to the Soviet Army; 25X1
 18 May. 1 gondola car loaded with 12.5 tons of full bricks from Herzfelde, consigned to the special construction bureau in Frankfurt/Oder; the car was unloaded at the field. A construction foreman who repeatedly conducted small scale construction work at the field stated that a portion of the barracks installations at the field was being converted into apartments. 25X1
 23 May. 2 boxcars loaded with military goods from Jueterbog-Altes Lager, 3 boxcars, and 4 flatcars, loaded with 2 trucks including No C 8-8... and 1 radio truck from Goerden; and 1 flatcar with sideracks loaded with military goods from Falkensee; the cars were dispatched by and consigned to the Soviet Army.

3. The following troop shipments arrived in Werneuchen: 25X1

20 May. At 9:06 p.m., 11 boxcars, including 1 empty car, 30 flatcars and 2 coaches. the train came from Irest Litovsk via Frankfurt/Oder

 The train arrived in Werneuchen
 The 10 boxcars were fully occupied by EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, Soviet women and children. The coaches carried officers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, including 1 lieutenant colonel and several majors; some of the officers wore many decorations. The flatcars were loaded with 16 trucks, most

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of them 2-axle trucks; 7 tank trucks; 5 semi-trailers with 2 axles, dual pneumatic tires at the rear, towing large tank trailers, each 10 meters long, with 2 axles at the rear, and front portion supported by semi-trailer; 1 red fire truck with 3 axles, dual pneumatic tires on the two rear axles, with closed superstructure similar to tank truck; 1 ambulance; 2 heavy tractors; 5 two-axle trailers, each about 2 meters high and wide, about 3 meters long, and with single pneumatic tires; 1 single-axle trailer, about 1.1 meters high, about 1.4 meters long and about 80 cm wide with single pneumatic tires; 2 canvas-covered searchlights estimated at 1.5 meters in diameter; 2 round pivots, possibly searchlight pedestals, 80 to 90 cm in diameter at bottom, tapering to the top and terminating in an internal toothed wheel. The shipment also carried crates and equipment.

The train was shunted to the airfield and unloaded at the ramp.

23 May. At 12:05 p.m., another Soviet troop train of 19 boxcars, 15 flatcars, 1 gondola car, and 3 coaches arrived. The shipment came from Frankfurt/Oder the train had crossed the zonal border coming from the direction of Brest Litovsk, and carried EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, many women and children including babies on the 19 boxcars. The 3 coaches were occupied by officers, including several field staff officers some of whom wore 2 or 3 bars. The flatcars were loaded with 14 two-axle trucks, 5 or 6 three-axle radio trucks of which the tires were dismantled. 2 sedans (no German models), and 2 jeeps.

the gondola car carried a small and disassembled single-engine aircraft. The officers who arrived with the two shipments had not been seen before, and source was of the opinion that this unit was not the same as the jet bomber unit which had formerly been stationed at Werneuchen airfield. Another shipment was expected to arrive at 8:26 a.m. on 24 May, coming from Brest Litovsk.

4. Between 13 and 21 May, the AA gun emplacements in the western section of the field were still vacant. On 23 May, 6 AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the northwestern corner of the field, while the AA gun emplacement in the southwestern section was vacant.
5. Since 14 May 1954, there have been rumors in Werneuchen according to which apartments have to be vacated for Soviet dependents.
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Comment. The expected reoccupation by a bomber unit of Werneuchen airfield has been started by the observed arrival of rail shipments on 20 and 23 May and the landing of 3 Il-28s on 22 May. According to source's observations, it appears that the unit is not one of the bomber regiments which had formerly been stationed in Werneuchen.

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